



UNITED NATIONS  
OBSERVANCES

In September we mark a number of international observances. At UNRIC we'll be marking [International Literacy Day](#) along with UNESCO with a series of infographics and a [Ciné-ONU](#) screening, the theme of International Literacy Day 2012 is Literacy and Peace. We'll also observe the [International Day of Democracy](#), the [Day of Peace](#) and [World Tourism Day](#), among others.

United Nations observances contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the UN Charter and promote awareness of and action on important political, social, cultural, humanitarian or human rights issues.

International observances provide a useful means for the promotion of international and national action and stimulate interest in United Nations activities and programmes. For international years and decades the UN Secretary General takes action to establish the preparatory process, evaluation and follow-up procedures.

## **September**

8 September

[International Literacy Day \[UNESCO\]](#)

10 September

[World Suicide Prevention Day \[WHO\]](#)

15 September

[International Day of Democracy](#)

16 September

[International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#)

21 September

[International Day of Peace](#)

27 September

[World Tourism Day \[UNWTO\]](#) | [World Maritime Day \[IMO\]](#)

28 September

[World Rabies Day \[WHO\]](#)

29 September

[World Heart Day \[WHO\]](#)

The majority of observances have been established by the UN General Assembly and some have been designated by UN specialized agencies.

( [Complete list of UN Observances](#) )